



**The European Mormon Studies Association  
Annual Conference: 4–5 August 2011**

**Durham University, England**

**“Mormonism and Ritual”**

*Conference Information and Preliminary Programme*

*May 14, 2011*



## **General Information**

**Registration:** Registration will be available through <http://www.euomormonstudies.com> beginning around June 1. Please register before July 30 in order to help with the conference planning, although it will be possible to register also after that.

**Venue:** St. Chad's College, Durham University, England. More detail on the conference room is forthcoming.

**Travel:** You can arrive in Durham by car, air, train, bus or sea. See the County Durham website at <http://www.thisisdurham.com/site/tourist-information-and-maps/directions-to-durham> for more details.

**Accommodation:** A block of rooms is available at St. Chad's College, Durham University. Please make a reservation directly to St. Chad's by 15 July at the latest using the university's form at [http://euomormonstudies.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/emsa2011\\_booking\\_form.pdf](http://euomormonstudies.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/emsa2011_booking_form.pdf) (see also below on food). There are also plenty of hotels and hostels in Durham.

**Food:** A meal package including two lunches, the conference dinner and refreshments is available for conference attendees. Please use the university's form at [http://euomormonstudies.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/emsa2011\\_booking\\_form.pdf](http://euomormonstudies.files.wordpress.com/2011/03/emsa2011_booking_form.pdf) (see also above on accommodation) to sign up for the package by 15 July at the latest.

**Conference fee:** Costs are covered through a formal fee of £10 per participant. You are requested to pay when arriving at the conference venue. No lunches or dinners are covered by the conference fee.

**Contact:** Kim Östman, Conference coordinator ([kim.ostman@abo.fi](mailto:kim.ostman@abo.fi)).



## *Preliminary Programme*

### **Thursday, 4 August**

#### **10:00 – 11:00 Invited Session**

Prof. Robert Hayward, Durham University, England  
*The Name “Israel” and the Prayer of Joseph*

#### **11:15 – 12:15 LDS History in Durham**

Ronald E. Bartholomew, Brigham Young University, USA  
Fred E. Woods, Brigham Young University, USA  
*Origins and Development of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in County Durham, 1843–1913*

#### **12:15 – 14:00 Lunch** (included in meal package)

#### **14:00 – 16:00 Historical Viewpoints**

Steve Carter, Henderson State University, USA  
*Practicing an American Religion in the Third Reich: The Case of the Mormon Church*

Michael W. Homer, Utah State Historical Society, USA  
*The LDS Thesis Concerning the Relationship between Mormon and Masonic Rituals*

Dan Belnap, Brigham Young University, USA  
*“And Those Who Receive You Not”: Ritual (Dis)continuity in the Rite of the Dusting of Feet*

Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, University of Michigan, USA  
*Strange Spiritual Operations and the Contest over Ritual in Early Mormonism*

#### **16:15 – 17:15 Keynote Session**

Prof. Walter E.A. van Beek, Tilburg University, The Netherlands  
*Awkward Symbols: Mormonism and its Rituals*

**Evening program**                      Conference dinner (included in meal package)



## **Friday, 5 August**

### **10:00 – 12:00 Doctrinal Viewpoints**

Christian Euvrard, LDS Church Educational System, France

*The Doctrine of Baptism for the Dead According to 1 Corinthians 15:29 and 1 Peter 3:18-22 and 1 Peter 4:6 in Contrast with the Interpretation of Mainstream Christian Theology*

Adam Powell, Durham University, England

*The Species Debate: God and Humanity in Irenaeus and the Latter-day Saints*

Aaron Reeves, University of Essex, England

*Embodied Authority: Priesthood Ordination and the Laws of the Mortal Body*

James D. Holt, University of Chester, England

*The Holy Ghost in LDS Ritual Experience: Preparation for Exaltation*

### **12:00 – 14:00 Lunch** (included in meal package)

### **14:00 – 15:30 From Ancient to Modern Times**

Douglas J. Davies, Durham University, England

*Emotions, Ritual Practice and Spirituality-Creation*

Ingrid Sherlock-Taselaar, SOAS, University of London, England

*Mormonism and Ritual: Examples of the Survival of a Doctrine and the Demise of the Attendant Ritual*

Ronan James Head, Brigham Young University, USA/England

*Feasts and Feasting: From Ancient Egypt to the Ward Party*

### **15:30 Closing of the Conference**